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1. A farmer living in Schae-ri (125-07, 38-39), Ulliyul County, said that on 24 March military certificates were issued to all men through the age of 45. Because of heavy conscription for the army and labor squads, no young men are seen in the villages.
2. Inhabitants of the west coast of North Korea were ordered to move inland to prevent their aiding South Koreans who have landed near the coast and on nearby islands. The government and party organizations are ready to move, with their classified documents packed. North Korean troops on the west coast are obtaining food by force from the villagers when their own supplies are low. Travelers between the villages need road passes signed by the chairman of the Local People's Committee.
3. A merchant in Changnyon (125-17, 38-36) said the cooperative market was open only on 24 March. Prices were as follows: an apple, 3-4 won; matches, 5 won; a pack of cigarettes, 50 won; a large mal of rice, 1,500 won. Republic of Korea (ROK) currency was preferred.
4. Women in North Korea are aiding ROK guerrillas with food and are digging up buried Communist ammunition.

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